

**Preliminary Amendment of U.S. National Stage for International Application
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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

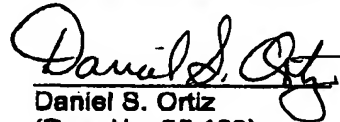
Claims 11-28 are currently pending in the instant application.

Applicants request that the amendments be entered in the specification. The amendments to the specification are of an editorial nature to provide headings required by the United States Patent and Trademark Office. No new matter has been entered by way of amendment to the specification.

The claims have been amended to place them in a form for ready examination in the United States Patent and Trademark Office. All multiple dependent claims have been cancelled. No new matter has been entered by way of amendment to the claims. No amendment to the claims has been entered to overcome any prior art of which Applicants are aware. The amendments to the claims are of a formal nature to improve syntax and the form of the claims

Favorable consideration of the claims in their amended form is requested.

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